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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action of April 12, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned patent application in view of the following election, amendment and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 12 of this paper.